



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
*Office of Community Oriented Policing Services*

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Office of the Director  
1100 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Law Enforcement Executive:

I am pleased to invite your agency to submit an application for the 2005 Secure Our Schools grant program administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice. Funding under this program will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance a variety of school safety equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation of school safety efforts within their communities. Specifically, this program will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement one of the following:

1. Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures,
2. Security assessments,
3. Security training of personnel and students,
4. Coordination with local law enforcement, or
5. Any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security.

There are two ways to apply for Secure Our Schools grant funding. You may submit a paper copy of your application (see enclosed), or beginning May 13, 2005 you may apply on-line at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Important information regarding the on-line application process can be found on a separate flyer within this application mailing, as well as in the "COPS FY2005 Application Guide: Targeted/Invited Programs" booklet of your application package.

**To be considered for funding, completed applications must be submitted on-line or hard copies must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2005.** Once the COPS Office reviews all of the applications that are received by the deadline, an official award package will be mailed to all selected grantees. Please be advised that the invitation to submit an application does not guarantee grant funding.

If you have any questions about the Secure Our Schools program, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 1-800-421-6770. We look forward to working with you and your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl R. Peed".

Carl R. Peed  
Director